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ROBERT LEVINSON

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11. (SBU) In reply to the Charge's letter of thanks, reftel, to Foreign Minister Smith for Australia's help in the release of AMCIT Roxana Saberi, Smith's Chief of Staff, Frances Adamson, wrote on June 9: Start text

Thank you for your letter dated 15 May 2009 thanking the Government for its assistance in relation to Ms Roxana Saberi. Mr Smith has asked me to reply to you on his behalf.

The Australian Government was pleased to be able offer assistance in the case of Ms Saberi. The decision of the Iranian Revolutionary Court to reduce her sentence and to allow her to leave Iran was no doubt an enormous relief to Ms Saberi and her family.

In relation to the other two cases you mention, Australia's former Ambassador to Iran, Mr Greg Moriarty, raised the case of Mr Levinson with relevant Iranian ministries. Iranian officials advised they had no information relating to Mr Levinson's whereabouts.

The Government will continue to take appropriate opportunities to raise Mr Levinson's case, as well as the case of Ms Momeni, with the Government of Iran. End text.

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